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1. The Washington Sunday Star carried a story which included the text of an alleged proposed executive order requiring government agencies to recognize and deal with employee unions. The alleged text was somewhat similar to the provisions of the so-called "Little Wagner Act", which has been introduced into several of the last Congresses although failing of final passage. As the "Little Wagner Act" currently before the Congress contains specific exemptions for CIA and the FBI, and the proposed executive order does not, I checked with the Bureau of the Budget to learn its status and to indicate CIA's desire to comment on any firm draft. Mr. Jones' office said that they knew nothing of the proposed executive order and it had not cleared through their office. I then checked with Mr. Winslow, of the White House Staff, who stated that at one time there had been some discussion as to whether such an order for policy statement should be issued, and that it may have proceeded as far as discussion with a few agencies for reaction. Somebody has then leaked an alleged draft either to curry favor with the newspaper man, or employee organizations, or in an attempt to force the administration's hand. Mr. Winslow stated that the leak had been of such interest to the employee organizations that it appeared that it might be necessary for the President to at least issue a policy statement. He stated that John Macy, Executive Director of the Civil Service Commission, was considering the problem at the present time and that CIA might check with him. I informed Mr. Reynolds, AD/Personnel, of these developments, and suggested that he might wish to check with Mr. Macy at the Civil Service Commission to make certain that any possible policy statement which was issued would not be so broad as to affect CIA in view of the security problems inherent in our personnel relations. Mr. Reynolds said he would discuss the matter with his deputy to determine whether it was advisable to make any inquiry on this point.



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3. Mr. McTigue, Counsel for the Kersten Committee on Communist Aggression, stated that the Committee desired further testimony from [redacted] in Washington on 1 December.

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This testimony is to consist of a further elaboration on certain charts
[redacted] presented to the Committee in Milwaukee, and on which the Com-
mittee had then indicated they wished further testimony at a later date.

4. In connection with my previous talk with Senator Kilgore
(Journal of 22 November 1954, Item 2) I have informed the Senator
that CIA does not contemplate opening an office in [redacted]

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